

NWPA Job Connect Receives Grant Funding for Teacher in the Workplace Initiatives

NWPA Job Connect has announced that it has received two grants totaling \$99,960 from the PA Department of Labor and Industry to support two separate Teacher in the Workplace initiatives across the local workforce development area. Subcontracts have been written with the Adult Literacy and Education providers in the local area that include the Riverview Intermediate Unit #6 (IU6) for a program in Clarion, Forest, and Venango Counties and to the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 (IU5) for a program in Crawford, Erie, and Warren Counties.

These grants will allow IU5 and IU6 to work in partnership with the NWPA Job Connect to develop and implement Teacher in the Workplace programs that connect the classroom to the workplace for K-12 educators across Pennsylvania. Through Teacher in the Workplace programs, numerous teachers, counselors, and administrators are provided experiences interacting directly with industry and business leaders in the manufacturing and healthcare sectors. This activity provides a valuable opportunity to learn about industry trends and needs that can be brought back to the classroom to enhance instruction, student learning, and career readiness. Through these initiatives, industry and business leaders are able to effectively impact teaching and guidance to K-12 students creating a local workforce that possesses the skills and abilities needed for businesses to remain competitive.

If you are interested in engaging in the grant project by providing hands-on and meaningful experiences that will impact the knowledge, skills, and abilities of K-12 students to align with the trends and needs for your industry, please contact:

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